THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Indian Olympic Association has informed that there is no such proposal under consideration with them.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR 2nd MARCH, 2005

Marketing of handicrafts

*21. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Central Government to encourage the marketing of handicrafts in the country;

(b) the total number of Haats sanctioned by Central Government, State-wise and district-wise;

(c) the details of Haats which have become operational;

(d) the details of Haats which have not yet been operationalised;

(e) the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by Central Government to see that these Haats become operationalised at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA) (a) The steps taken by the Government to encourage the marketing of handicrafts in the country include; holding of National handicrafts Expo's/Craft Bazars and exhibitions, setting up of Urban Haats, new emporia and renovation of existing emporia, holding of marketing workshops.

(b) 32 Urban Haats have been approved. The State and district-wise details are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) The Urban Haats at Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Bhubaneshwar (Orissa), Jammu (J&K), Uchana-Karnal (Haryana) and Gohar Mahal, Bhopal

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(Madhya Pradesh) have become operational. Works of other Haats are at various stages of completion.

(f) Review meetings are held periodically at various levels to monitor the progress.

Statement

State-wise and District-wise details of Urban Haat

S.No.	State	No. of Urban Haat approved	Location/District
1	2	3	4
1.	Haryana	1	Uchana (Karnal)
2.	J&K	2	i) Jammu (Jammu) ii) Srinagar (Srinagar)
3.	Punjab	1	Patiala (Patiala)
4.	Rajasthan	2	i) Jodhpur (Jodhpur) ii) Jaipur (Jaipur)
5.	Delhi	1	Mehrauli (south Delhi
6.	Uttar Pradesh	4	i) Agra (Agra) ii) Kanpur (Kanpur) iii) Lucknow (Lucknow) iv) Varanasi (Varanasi)
7.	Uttaranchal	1	Dehradun (Dehradun)
8.	West Bengal	1	Kolkata (Kolkata)
9.	Orissa	3	i) Bhubaneshwar (Khurda) ii) Konark (Puri) iii) Puri (Puri)
10.	Jharkhand	2	i) Ranchi (Ranchi) ii) Hazaribagh (Hazaribagh)
11.	Andhra Pradesh	1	Tirupati (Tirupati)
12.	Kerala	1	Thiruvananthapuram (Thiruvananthapuram)
13.	Pondicherry	1	Pondicherry (Pondicherry)

1	2	3	4
14.	Karnataka	1	Mysore (Mysore)
15.	Gujarat	3	i) Ahmedabad (Ahmedabad)
			ii) Bhuj (Kutch)
			iii) Surat (Surat)
16.	Maharashra	2	i) Pune (Pune)
			ii) Mumbai (Mumbai)
17.	Madhya Pradesh	1	Bnopal (Bhopal)
18.	Chhatisgarh	1	Raipur (Raipur)
19.	Assam	1	Guwahati (Guwahati)
20.	Nagaland	1	Dimapur (Kohima)
21.	Tripura	1	Agartala (Agartala)
	TOTAL:	32	

Constitution of a Committee to promote trade with Britain

†*22 SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to constitute the joint economic and trade committee to promote trade with Britain;

(b) if so, the possible sectors for export and import with Britain; and

(c) the other sectors where the trade can be promoted and the facilities proposed to be given to the Indian traders by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. An Indo-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) has been constituted for enhancement of bilateral trade and investment between India and Britain.

(b) The Committee has identified agriculture, infrastructure including energy, services and knowledge-based industries as potential areas for increased trade and/or investment.

(c) Trade and industry will be facilitated by, *inter alia* holding of UK-India

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